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Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:21 AM
To: info@honoluludpp.org
Cc: Takara, Gloria C; Waters, Tommy; Blangiardi, Rick
Subject: STR Bill - Please REJECT this!

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to REJECT the proposed STR Bill in its entirety.

This bill seeks to take away long-established property rights in the Waikiki resort zone that explicitly allow people to own and operate short term rentals. Those who have chosen to operate short-term rentals in this zone have done so in a good-faith effort to comply with all existing laws.

Those who have purchased or operated within the law have made their commitment to compliance; the County of Honolulu should uphold its end of the deal. These condos, legally zoned, are my personal investments for retirement. Your bill takes away my LEGAL investment and what right do you have to do that?! Is Hawaii still not part of the United States of America? You are trying to introduce a Totalitarian system! Unacceptable.

This bill drastically expands hotels' interests while choking out individual, legal, property rights. The bill imposes ownership, operations, and financial hurdles and restrictions on legal short term rental operators in the Waikiki resort zone while at the same time giving corporate hotels unfettered right to operate without the same restrictions and siphon tourism revenue to the mainland. My cleaners and handyman rely on this work to live in Honolulu.

DPP's proposal is a bold, outward attack on our individual, legal, property rights in order to create a competition-free environment for the corporate hotels to do whatever they want in the Waikiki resort zone. Shame on those at DPP for even proposing such a bill. I suspect your kids' education is being paid for by the hotel industry or other lobbyists? This bill is so incredibly one sided how else could this look?!

DPP should focus on enforcing the current law (Ordinance 19-18) which was created through a lengthy public process.

DPP should engage all stakeholders -- not just the corporate hotels -- in developing fair and sensible regulations.

Please, do the RIGHT thing for a change and DO NOT vote this bill through. It needs to be completely rejected and thrown away and you need to enforce Ordinance 19-18.

Mahalo
Maurie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Dalbert [mailto:thomas@dalbert.us]

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 12:01 PM

To: info@honoluludpp.org

Cc: Takara, Gloria C

Subject: STR Bill

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Aloha Members of the Planning Commission,

We have never heard any residents of Oahu object to Mom and Pop B&Bs.

Beside the strange 1,000 feet distance rule, you had all the tools to implement legalizing a limited number of B&Bs with Ordinance 19-18. Everything that was needed to easily control this type of short term rental including owners living on the property, owning only a single property, off street parking, and noise control through owners living all the time on the same property! This would be so easy to permit and control.

Why are you throwing out the baby with the bathwater when everything was in place with Ordinance 19-18 for a good solution?

Please reject the current bill that will make it so much harder for many lower income local residents to hold onto their property.

Thank you for your kind consideration,
Thomas and Melissa Dalbert
Wai'anae

-----Original Message-----

From: Wendy Barnfield [mailto:wendy@ragingisle.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:57 AM

To: info@honoluludpp.org

Cc: Takara, Gloria C

Subject: Please Vote No on Bill STR

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Dear Sir or Madam

Please reject this bill in its entirety.

I am asking that DPP to focus on the enforcement of the current law. (Ordinance 19-18). This ordinance was created through a lengthy public process. It doesn't make sense to get rid of it.

Also it would stand to reason out of all fairness that all stakeholders, and not just the corporate hotels, be at equal consideration in developing fair and sensible regulations.

Looking at the economics of this bill doesn't make sense either. There is an assumption that everyone can afford staying in a hotel. Through the Hawaii Visitors Bureau our tourism is composed of all different financial status. The volume of families and those in their 20 or 30's are often in a low to medium income bracket. This is where the legal short term rental comes into effect.

There are sides of the island such as the North Shore that naturally attract a younger tourist. There is only one hotel on our side of the island and it is not capable of generating enough tourism to generate income for all the local businesses. In actuality it is the Legal Short Term Rentals that enhance the North Shore hotel by these tourists spending their money at the hotel and paying for all the amenities , restaurants, golf course and more.

This bracket of income/tourist contributes to all businesses around the entire state of Hawaii. From air fare, to restaurants, super markets, retail stores, tourist attractions and more. It isn't only the elite or wealthy that supports the tourist trade and our economy.

To discredit or isolate this financial bracket is a mistake. Just because they can't afford \$300-\$1200 approximately a night at a hotel doesn't mean they are not a valuable asset to our states economy.

This bill doesn't represent balance at all. It is very lopsided and therefore it should be rejected in its entirety.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Wendy Barnfield

-----Original Message-----

From: Kat Dudden [mailto:katherine@dudden.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:20 AM

To: info@honoluludpp.org; Takara, Gloria C

Subject: Reject proposed short term rental bill

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Hello Planning Commission Members

I am writing to ask you to reject the proposed bill.

Please focus on enforcing Ordinance 19-18. Which was created and agreed upon thru a lengthy public process.

Thank you for your time

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Planning Commission Meeting on STR Bill

Wednesday September 29, 2021

Aloha Commissioners

I'm writing to strongly **oppose and vote no** on any additional restrictions to the short-term rental industry.

My story starts around 2006, when I first became aware of vacation rentals. My family always wanted to have a second or beach home. A place where we could get out of town on the weekends and relax at the beach without having to pack everything up at the end of the night and drive back to town. We didn't have the financial means to be able to support two homes, so it was a dream for a long time. Fast forward to 2015. I found a property that was inexpensive enough that I could make the down payment. I would need help with the mortgage and being able to short term rent was my avenue to make it all work.

I researched getting a permit and found out that permits were not being issued. I applied for my GET and TAT and paid the taxes on my rental income. I hired a cleaner who could help get the unit ready before a guest arrived. I did everything possible to be legal.

Then came Bill 89 that made many changes and added restrictions to how I could rent my unit when I was not using it. It was a compromise Bill that didn't totally stop me from renting. It didn't totally restrict my property Rights and I was able to adjust and continue to rent. These new restrictions will not allow me to rent to the traveling nurse who works at Wahiawa General, the construction workers who had a project at Kaena Point Satellite Tracking Station. Not everyone needs to rent for 180 days. For these and many other reasons I ask that you reject all these changes.

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